

## **SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraphs 20-22 as follows:

[0020] The carrier 2 supports the pair of brake pads 4, 5 by means of respective support portions 6, 7 disposed across and on either side of the disc rotor D. An attachment portion 8 formed on the support portion 6 which is disposed further toward the inside of the vehicle body than the disc rotor D is typically fixed by bolts or the like to a member on the vehicle body side such as a knuckle. Inward-facing torque receiving faces 6A, 6B and 7A, 7B are formed respectively on the support portions 6, 7 at the two ends thereof in the rotational direction of the disc rotor D, which is illustrated by an arrow in the drawing, and rectangular guiding grooves ~~6C, 6D and 7C, 7D~~ (the guiding grooves 6C, 6D are not shown in the drawing) extending in the axial direction of the disc rotor D are formed respectively on the torque receiving faces 6A, 6B and 7A, 7B. In the drawings, the guiding grooves which are formed on the torque receiving faces 7A, 7B are illustrated with reference characters 7C, 7D. The guiding grooves which are formed on the torque receiving faces 6A, 6B are not shown in the drawings but are referred to as 6C, 6D in the specification for ease of description of the guiding grooves in the specification.

[0021] The brake pads 4, 5 are constituted by friction members 4A, 5A that are pushed against the disc rotor D and rear plates 4B, 5B which are tightly fixed to and thereby support the friction members 4A, 5A. Rectangular ear portions ~~4C, 4D and 5C, 5D~~ (the ear portions 4C, 4D are not shown in the drawings) protrude respectively from the two ends of the rear plates 4B, 5B. In the drawings, the rectangular ear portions which protrude from the two ends of the rear plate 5B are illustrated with reference characters 5C, 5D. The rectangular ear portions which protrude from the two ends of the rear plate 4B are not shown in the drawings but are referred to as 4C, 4D in the specification for each of description of the ear portions in the specification. By inserting the rear plates 4B and 5B respectively between the inward-facing torque receiving faces 6A, 6B and 7A, 7B of the carrier 2 and fitting the ear portions 4C, 4D and 5C, 5D into the guiding grooves 6C, 6D and

7C, 7D, the brake pads 4, 5 are slidably supported along the axial direction of the disc rotor D by the carrier 2.

[0022] One pad spring 9 (guiding member) attached on the carrier 2 side is interposed between the torque receiving faces 6A, 7A and guiding grooves 6C, 7C of the carrier 2, and the ear portions 4C, 5C and one end of the rear plates 4B, 5B of the brake pads 4, 5. One more pad spring 10 attached on the carrier 2 side is interposed between the torque receiving faces 6B, 7B and guiding grooves 6D, 7D, and the ear portions 4D, 5D and the other end of the rear plates 4B, 5B. The pads springs 9, 10 enable the brake pads 4, 5 to move smoothly and protect the carrier 2. Shims 11, 12 (~~the shim 11 is not shown in the drawings~~) are attached to the rear face of the rear plates 4B, 5B of the brake pads 4, 5 to prevent brake noise. The shim which is attached to the rear face of the rear plate 5B is illustrated in the drawings with reference number 12. The shim which is attached to the rear face of the rear plate 4B is not shown in the drawings.